

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1874

Introduced by Assembly Member Wood

February 10, 2016

An act to amend Section 8506.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to structural pest control.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1874, as introduced, Wood. Structural pest control.

Existing law defines, licenses, and regulates structural pest control operators and creates the Structural Pest Control Board in the Department of Consumers Affairs to administrate these provisions. Existing law defines a registered company to be specified types of business organizations registered with the board to engage in the practice of structural pest control, and defines a “qualifying manager” as the licensed operator or operators designated by a registered company to supervise the daily business of the company and to be available to supervise and assist the company’s employees. Existing law prescribes 3 different classifications of structural pest control licenses, which are termed branches, based on the types of pest control work permitted. Existing law makes a violation of provisions regulating structural pest control operators a misdemeanor.

This bill would revise the definition of “qualifying manager” to require that the licensed operator be physically present at the principal office or branch office location for a minimum of 72 hours every 3 consecutive calendar months, and to require that these hours be documented and provided to the board upon request.

By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8506.2 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 8506.2. A “qualifying manager” is the licensed operator or
4 operators designated by a registered company to supervise the
5 daily business of the company and to be ~~available to supervise and~~
6 ~~assist the company’s employees.~~ *physically present at the principal*
7 *office or branch office location for a minimum of 72 hours every*
8 *three consecutive calendar months to supervise and assist the*
9 *company’s employees. These hours shall be documented and*
10 *provided to the board upon request.*

11 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
12 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
13 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
14 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
15 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
16 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
17 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
18 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
19 Constitution.